

POLICY

Youth must pay court ordered restitution and other charges.

PURPOSE

To ensure youth compliance with court ordered payments.

DEFINITION

See JRG, JJ Residential Glossary.

**RESPONSIBLE
STAFF**

Designated in the facility standard operating procedure.

PROCEDURE

Each facility must develop and implement standard operating procedures (SOPs) for court ordered payments. At a minimum, these SOPs must contain the following requirements:

**Review Case
Records**

Treatment facility staff must review the case record of each youth as part of the intake process to determine if the youth must make court ordered payments.

**Determining
Payment
Percentage**

Youth in secure placements must pay half of all income for court-ordered payments.

Youth in non-secure placements must set aside the percentage of income determined by the treatment team for court ordered payments.

In all programs, the amount set aside for court-ordered payments must not exceed half of all income unless the court orders, or the youth agrees to provide, a greater percentage of income for court-ordered payments.

**Payment
Schedule**

At regular intervals, staff must send the youth's payment and a copy of the court order, or a brief description of the reason for the payment, to the court.

At the court's direction, payment may be made to a designated individual.

The youth must be informed of each payment and be provided documentation of the payments at the time of release.

Each treatment or release plan must include the amount of court ordered payments completed and outstanding.

**Opportunities
for Earning
Money**

Youth who owe court-ordered payments are provided opportunities (suitable to the security level and ability of the youth) to earn money at the facility.

**Victim
Restitution**

If the court orders victim restitution and in any one month the juvenile receives over fifty dollars (\$50), fifty percent (50%) of the amount over fifty dollars (\$50) must be deducted by the facility and held for victim restitution.

When the amount deducted by the facility exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100), or the youth is released, the money deducted must be sent to the victim.

AUTHORITY

Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.115a(1)(l)

Probate Code, MCL 712a.30

Crime Victim's Rights Act, MCL 780.751 et seq.